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Dear Members of the House Committee on Local Government,

As a college professor and resident of a rural-central Michigan community, I write to encourage you to support refugee rights as the Committee deliberates House Concurrent Resolution 28. Refugees contribute to the cultural diversity, social fabric and economic prosperity of our local communities as well as our country as a whole. The current security screening process for those seeking refugee status is robust and a sufficient to vet individuals seeking a new life of peace, liberty and prosperity. To take any action that would impede future refugee placement in our communities would be a failure of leadership, pandering to statistically unfounded fears expressed by uninformed groups and individuals.

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